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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
NEW JERSEY FIRE ALARM, BURGLAR ALARM
AND LOCKSMITH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

IN THE MATTER OF THE SUSPENSION
OR REVOCATION OF THE LICENSE OF

CHRISTOPHER PETSCH
Burglar Alarm License No. 34BA00063400
Fire Alarm License No. 34FA00053200

TO PRACTICE AS A BURGLAR & FIRE ALARM
LICENSEE IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Administrative Action

PROVISIONAL ORDER
OF DISCIPLINE

This matter was opened to the New Jersey Fire Alarm, Burglar Alarm and Locksmith Advisory Committee ("the Committee") upon receipt of information which the Committee has reviewed and on which the following preliminary findings of fact and conclusions of law are made:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Christopher Petsch ("respondent") was previously licensed to practice as a burglar alarm installer and fire alarm installer in the State of New Jersey having received both licenses on January 24, 2005. Respondent failed to renew both licenses prior to their expiration on August 31, 2007. As a result, respondent's burglar alarm license and fire alarm license are suspended, pursuant to law, specifically N.J.S.A. 45:1-7.1(b), for failing to renew both licenses within 30 days of their expiration date.

2. Respondent was arrested on January 30, 2006 by the Monroe Township Police

Department and charged with Possession of a Controlled Dangerous Substance, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2C:35-10A(1). On June 28, 2006, respondent pled guilty to a local ordinance violation. (Exhibit A, copy of criminal flagging, dated July 17, 2006, attached and made a part of hereto).

3. Respondent was arrested a second time on May 8, 2006 by the Monroe Township Police Department and charged one count of Theft of Movable Property, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2C:20-3A. On August 3, 2006, respondent was found guilty by the Monroe Township Municipal Court and sentenced to 2 years probation, 6 months suspended confinement. (Exhibit B, copy of criminal flagging, dated September 1, 2006, attached and made a part of hereto).

4. Respondent was arrested a third time on May 10, 2006, by the Franklin Township Police Department and charged with 2 counts of Burglary by Entering a Structure, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2C:18-2A(1), and 2 counts of Theft of Movable Property, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2C:20-3A. On November 13, 2006, respondent was convicted in Gloucester County Superior Court of 1 count of Burglary pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2C:18-2. (Exhibit C, copy of criminal flagging, dated July 18, 2006, attached and made a part of hereto). (Exhibit D, copy of criminal flagging, dated November 14, 2006, attached and made a part of hereto.)

5. On November 21, 2006 the Committee reviewed the three (3) criminal flaggings and voted to issue a Demand for a Statement Under Oath, pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 45:1-18(a). The Committee sought respondent's response to questions concerning his arrest and conviction history.

6. The Demand for a Statement Under Oath was forwarded to respondent's address of record on March 29, 2007, via Certified and Regular mail.

7. On April 3, 2007 a postal receipt was signed by "Mary Petsch" verifying successful delivery of the Committee's Demand for Statement Under Oath. The regular mailing was not returned. Respondent failed to provide a written response to the Demand for Statement Under Oath. (Exhibit E, copy of the postal receipt, dated April 3, 2007, attached and made a part of hereto).

8. Respondent was arrested a fourth time on December 16, 2007 by the Monroe Township Police Department and charged with Possession/ Use of a Controlled Dangerous Substance pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2C:35-10. (Exhibit F, copy of criminal flagging, dated February 4, 2009, attached and made a part of hereto).

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

These facts establish a basis for disciplinary action against respondent's burglar alarm license and fire alarm license, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(f), in that respondent has been convicted multiple times and engaged in a continuous pattern of acts constituting crimes and offenses involving moral turpitude and relating adversely to the activity regulated by the Committee. Furthermore, respondent's failure to provide the requested information constitutes a failure to comply with the provisions of an act administered by the Committee, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(h), in that he failed to cooperate in an investigation conducted by the Committee in contravention of N.J.A.C. 13:45C-1.2., and professional misconduct, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e), in that respondent failed to cooperate with the Committee's request for information concerning his arrests and convictions, in contravention of N.J.A.C. 13:45C-1.3(a)(4) & (5).

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS, on this 21 day of July, 2009

HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. Respondent's license to practice as a burglar alarm installer in the State of New Jersey and his license to practice as a fire alarm installer in the State of New Jersey, which are both currently suspended by application of N.J.S.A. 45:1-7.1(b), shall provisionally remain suspended **as a disciplinary suspension** for a period not less than one (1) year. Prior to entertaining a request for reinstatement, respondent must appear before the Committee to demonstrate his fitness to resume practice, and demonstrate that he has been sufficiently rehabilitated. In determining whether respondent has been sufficiently rehabilitated, the Committee shall consider the factors delineated in the Rehabilitated Offenders Acts, N.J.S.A. 2A:168A-1 et.

seq. Specifically, the Committee shall consider :

- a. The nature and duties of the occupation, trade, vocation, profession or business, a license or certificate for which the person is applying;
- b. Nature and seriousness of the crime;
- c. Circumstances under which the crime occurred;
- d. Date of the Crime;
- e. Age of the person when the crime was committed;
- f. Whether the crime was an isolated or repeated incident;
- g. Social conditions which may have contributed to the crime;
- h. Any evidence of rehabilitation, including good conduct in prison or in the community, counseling or psychiatric treatment received, acquisition of additional academic or vocational schooling, successful participation in correctional work-release programs, or the recommendations of persons who have or have had the applicant under their supervision.

2. Respondent shall refrain from engaging in practice as a burglar alarm and fire installer in the State of New Jersey and shall not represent himself as a licensee until such time as his licenses are reinstated.

3. The within order shall be subject to finalization by the Committee at 5:00 p.m. on the 30th business day following entry hereof unless respondent requests a modification or dismissal of the above stated Findings of Fact or Conclusions of Law by:

a) Submitting a written request for modification or dismissal to Executive Director, New Jersey Fire Alarm, Burglar Alarm and Locksmith Advisory Committee, P.O. Box 45042, Newark, NJ 07101.

b) Setting forth in writing any and all reasons why said findings and conclusions should be modified or dismissed.

c) Submitting any and all documents or other written evidence supporting

respondent's request for consideration and reasons therefore or offered in mitigation of penalty.

4. Any submissions will be reviewed by the Committee and the Committee will thereafter determine whether further proceedings are necessary. If no material discrepancies are raised through a supplemental submission during the thirty-day period, or if the Committee is not persuaded that the submitted materials merit further consideration, a Final Order of Discipline will be entered.

5. In the event that respondent's submissions establish a need for further proceedings, including, but not limited to, an evidentiary hearing, respondent shall be notified with regard thereto. In the event that an evidentiary hearing is ordered, the preliminary findings of fact and conclusions of law contained herein may serve as notice of the factual and legal allegations in such proceeding. Further, in the event a hearing is held, and upon review of the record, the Committee shall not be limited to the findings, conclusions and sanctions stated herein.

NEW JERSEY FIRE ALARM, BURGLAR ALARM
& LOCKSMITH ADVISORY COMMITTEE


By: 
Robert Shoremount
Chairman

EXHIBIT A



JON S. CORZINE
Governor

New Jersey Office of the Attorney General

Division of Consumer Affairs
Criminal History Review Unit



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FLAGGING

July 17, 2006

To: Fire Alarm, Burglar & Locksmith Advisory Committee

REF: Christopher J. Petsch

DOB: 07/16/78

SS#: 152-80-4004

Applicant #: 1070786

As a result of the Flagging System, the following information has been revealed:

1. The above individual was arrested on 01/30/06 by Monroe Township Police Department for 2C:35-10A(1) Possession Controlled Dangerous Substance Or Analog. On 06/28/06 Monroe Township Municipal Court Guilty Local Ordinance Violations; Amount Assessed \$533.00.

Please contact this office at 609-826-7126 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
Louis J. Krofka, Chief
Criminal History Review Unit (ju)

EXHIBIT B



JON S. CORZINE
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FLAGGING

September 01, 2006

To: Fire Alarm, Burglar Alarm, & Locksmith Advisory Committee

REF: Christopher J. Petsch

DOB: 07/16/1978

SS#: 152-80-4004

Applicant #: 1070786 - 1071014

As a result of the Flagging System, the following information has been revealed:

1. The above individual was arrested on 05/08/2006 by the Monroe Twp., Police, for (1) Count 2C:20-3A Theft Of Movable Property. On 08/03/06, Monroe Twp., Municipal Court, Guilty 2C:20-3A, Theft of Movable Property. Sentence 2 years Probation, 6 months Suspended Confinement, Amount Assessed \$258.00.

Please contact this office at 609-826-7126 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Louis J. Krofka, Chief
Criminal History Review Unit (J.Mc.)

EXHIBIT C



JON S. CORZINE
Governor

New Jersey Office of the Attorney General

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Criminal History Review Unit



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FLAGGING

July 18, 2006

To: Fire Alarm, Burglar Alarm & Locksmith Advisory Committee

REF: Christopher J. Petsch

DOB: 07/16/78

SS#: 152-80-4004

Applicant #: 1070786

As a result of the Flagging System, the following information has been revealed:

1. The above individual was arrested on 05/10/06 by Franklin Township Police Department for (2) counts 2C:18-2A(1) Burglary By Entering Structure and (2) counts 2C:20-3A Theft Of Movable Property.

Please contact this office at 609-826-7126 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Louis J. Krofka, Chief

Criminal History Review Unit (ju)

EXHIBIT D



JON S. CORZINE
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FLAGGING

November 14, 2006

To: Fire Alarm Burglar Alarm and Locksmith Advisory Committee

REF: Christopher J. Petsch
DOB: 07/16/1978
SS#: 152-80-4004
Applicant #: 1070786-1071014

As a result of the Flagging System, the following information has been revealed:

1. The above individual was arrested on 05/10/2006 by the Franklin Township Police Department for (2) Counts 2C:18-2A(1) Burglary By Entering Structure and (2) Counts 2C:20-3A Theft Of Movable Property. On 11/13/2006 Gloucester County Superior Court, (2) Counts 2C:18-2A(1) Burglary By Entering Structure and (2) Counts 2C:20-3A Theft Of Movable Property amended to (1) Count 2C:18-2 Burglary: Guilty. Sentencing Scheduled for 01/12/2007. Agency Case # 7651.

Please contact this office at 609-826-7126 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Louis J. Krofka, Chief
Criminal History Review Unit (JSL)

EXHIBIT E

PLACE STICKER AT TOP OF ENVELOPE TO THE RIGHT
OF THE RETURN ADDRESS. FOLD AT DOTTED LINE

SENDER: COMPLETE THIS SECTION

- Complete items 1, 2, and 3. Also complete item 4 if Restricted Delivery is desired.
- Print your name and address on the reverse so that we can return the card to you.
- Attach this card to the back of the mailpiece, or on the front if space permits.

1. Article Addressed to:

CHRISTOPHER J. PETSCH
P.O. Box 84
FRANKLIN, N.J.
08322

A. Received by (Please Print Clearly)

May Peten

B. Date of Delivery

3/30/07

C. Signature

x May Peten

☐ Agent

☐ Addressee

D. Is delivery address different from item 1?

☐ Yes

If YES, enter delivery address below:

☐ No

3. Service Type

☒ Certified Mail

☐ Express Mail

☐ Registered

☒ Return Receipt for Merchandise

☐ Insured Mail

☐ C.O.D.

4. Restricted Delivery? (Extra Fee)

☐ Yes

2. Article Number (Postnet barcode)

7002 0460 0001 6858 8711

PS Form 3811, July 1999

Domestic Return Receipt

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EXHIBIT F



JON S. CORZINE
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New Jersey Office of the Attorney General

Division of Consumer Affairs
Criminal History Review Unit



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FLAGGING

February 04, 2009

To: Fire Alarm Burglar Alarm & Locksmith Advisory Committee

REF: Christopher J. Petsch

DOB: 07/16/1978

SS#: 152-80-4004

Applicant #: 1070786 - 1071014

As a result of the Flagging System, the following information has been revealed:

1. The above individual was arrested on 12/16/07, by Monroe Twp., Police Department, for 2C:35-10, Possession/Use of Controlled Dangerous Substance. Agency Case # 07-29282.

Please contact this office at 609-826-7126 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Louis J. Krofka, Chief

Criminal History Review Unit (J.Mc.)

SENDER: COMPLETE THIS SECTION		COMPLETE THIS SECTION ON DELIVERY	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Complete items 1, 2, and 3. Also complete item 4 if Restricted Delivery is desired. ■ Print your name and address on the reverse so that we can return the card to you. ■ Attach this card to the back of the mailpiece, or on the front if space permits. 		<p>A. Signature <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Mary Petsch</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Agent <input type="checkbox"/> Addressee</p>	
<p>1. Article Addressed to:</p> <p>Christopher J. Petsch P.O. Box 84 Franklinville, NJ 08322</p>		<p>B. Received by (Printed Name) <i>Mary Petsch</i> C. Date of Delivery</p>	
		<p>D. Is delivery address different from item 1? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes If YES, enter delivery address below: <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>	
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		<p>4. Restricted Delivery? (Extra Fee) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p>	
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